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CRISIS IS NEAR IN THE BIG STRIKE

Another Exciting Day Is Witnessed At Philadelphia

Veteran Mob Fighters on Scene.

STRIKERS MAKE THREAT

Say They Will Use Dynamite Against Constabulary.

BATTLE AT BALDWIN WORKS

Philadelphia Locomotive Builders Attack Police and Are Driven to Cover—Girls' High Schools Dismissed Owing to Danger of Street Travel—Judge Imposes Heavy Sentences on Rioters.

Philadelphia, Feb. 24.—Captain Jack Groome, at the head of 200 clean-cut, square-jawed fighting men of the Pennsylvania constabulary is here today to stamp out the civil war that has been raging for several days. These lean, hard men on lean, hard horses have spurred into angry mobs when they were outnumbered 100 to 1, when dynamite was smashing freight cars and bullets were whistling all around them. Their record for efficiency lies in this. They don't hunt trouble, but they give it a kiss and a hug when they find it.

Mayor Rebyrn and Henry Clay, director of public safety, have called for Jack Groome and his men because their own police force was limp and worthless in the face of the murdering, burning and clubbing that caused in four days the death of four persons, millions of dollars of loss to the Rapid Transit company and the general business of the city, injuring hundreds of peaceful citizens, and brought about a condition little short of anarchy.

A crisis is approaching rapidly. The showdown may come today or tomorrow. C. O. Pratt, Murphy and Driscoll are going around town threatening, as they chasteily put it, that there'll be hell and a half to pay if the constabularies are turned loose on the streets. In some of the car barns strikers were talking openly about using dynamite. You can hear on every side threats that Jack Groome's men would carry out of town a good deal more lead than they brought in. The Amalgamated Union of Street Railway Employees has been warned by Pratt that it is in the most desperate position in its history. It has to make itself or be completely smashed in the present fight.

Authorities Keep Own Counsel.

The authorities are saying nothing, but the best information is that if the state constabulary finds the job too much for their nerve and experience, Governor Stuart will be requested to send 10,000 militiamen into Philadelphia and that, if necessary, a soldier with a loaded rifle will stand beside the motorman of every car. It is known that the national guard are ready at an hour's notice to entrain for this city. The governor has discussed plans already with Mayor Rebyrn and Clay, the police chief.

The worst of the day's riots was at the Baldwin locomotive works, at Broad and Spring Garden streets. That plant has been the retreat for days of hundreds of men who fought the police from cover and bombarded the cars of the P. R. T. with bolts and scrap iron. Just after the lunch hour a crowd of 400 employees of the Baldwin plant marched to Thirteenth street and Spring Garden and blocked a northbound car. The motorman

saw he was in for it, but he stuck to his controller. A shower of bricks and stones crashed into the car, knocking the motorman down and injuring the police guards. A dozen men sprang on the front platform, grabbed the motorman and the policemen, dragged them to the street and roughed them through the crowd. The policemen swung their clubs, but they had no elbow room. They were pounded and slapped and kicked and their uniforms were in rags. Finally one of the policemen managed to get his pistol free and let the shot fly into the thickest of the crowd. The bullet downed a man named William McIntee, going into his right leg. McIntee was arrested and taken to the Hahnemann hospital.

Workmen Beat Retreat.

A police who had clawed his way through a lane of attackers sent in a riot call to the city hall. Up came an automobile truck with 20 cops, and they had their guns out ready for business. They pointed the guns straight at the Baldwin crowd and threatened to shoot if the mob did not retreat. The Baldwin workmen backed away and took refuge in the locomotive works.

Hardly had the streets been cleared when bolts and pigs began to drop from the windows of the plant. A chunk of iron smashed a policeman to the street. Police Captain Austin, in charge of the reserves, deployed his men along the Broad street front of the building from Spring Garden to Hamilton streets, and ordered them to fire at the windows from which the workmen had been throwing. Several thousand people lined up behind the policemen and ran. Bullets crashed through the windows of the Baldwin plant and splattered on the brick walls. The police were not shooting for practice. They wanted to hit. Occasionally you could see an arm flash out of one of the windows and a bolt or wrench would come spinning earthward, sometimes narrowly missing a policeman. The fusillade kept up for 10 minutes, until the whistle blew and the locomotive builders were forced to give up their private pleasures.

Market Street Tumultuous.

Along Market street there was a series of rows, starting at Fifth street, where over 3,000 attempted to wreck a car and pummel the conductor and motorman. The police came from the city hall in two big automobile patrol wagons. They swarmed out and fell to clubbing the rioters energetically. Five men were sent to the hospital with broken heads and one policeman had his cheek cut open with a jagged rock.

The board of education has ordered two high schools for girls closed until Monday, owing to the dangers attending going and coming from school.

Judge Davis sent one man arrested for inciting a riot to the penitentiary for six years, and gave two others sentences of two years each. Edward Carr, who kicked a motorman in the face while he lay on the ground, got a six-year sentence. Fifty rioting indictments have been returned by the grand jury.

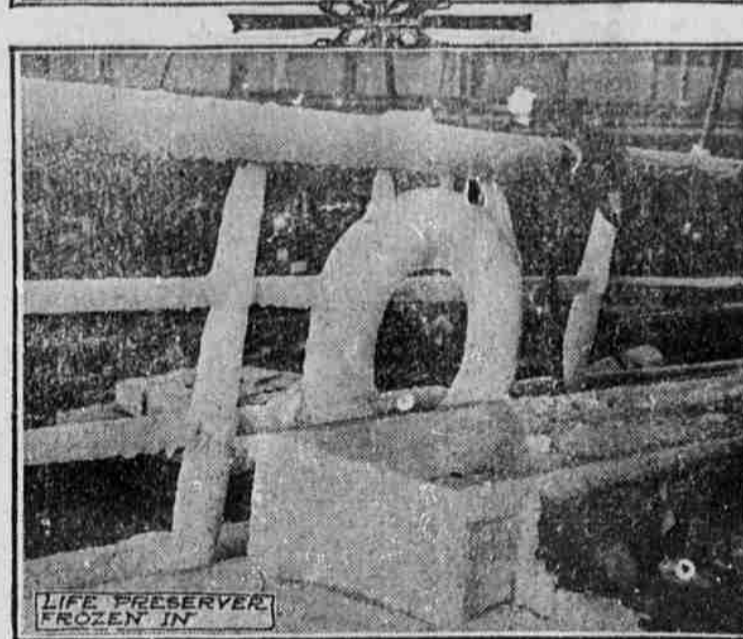
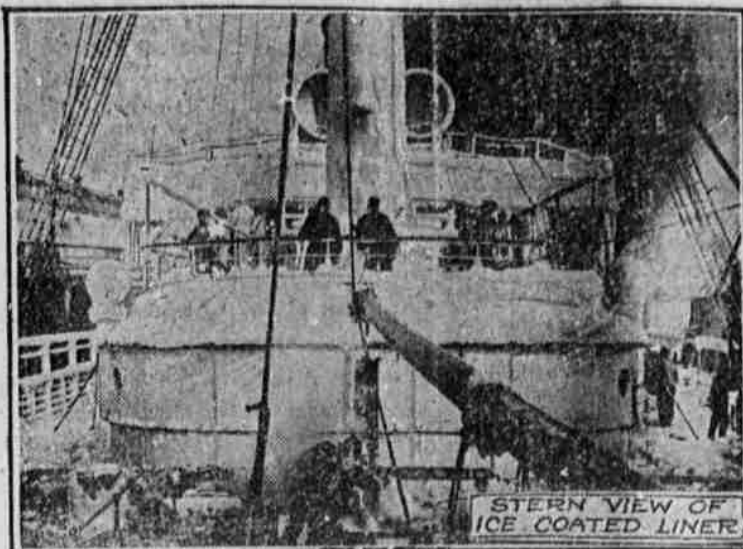
Call on Senator Penrose.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Senator Boies Penrose has been asked to become mediator between the employees and employers in the Philadelphia car strike. A delegation of labor leaders from Philadelphia called on him, and later the senator said that the representatives of the labor unions who talked with him had asked him to look into the situation and had complained of the treatment they had received from the police. The senator has not given the delegation an answer. He has had several talks with them over the long distance telephone.

Madrid Reported a Fugitive.

Bluefields, Feb. 24.—(By wireless from Colon.)—A well founded report reached here that President Madrid has fled from Managua and is now in Leon. This report came on the heels of a message from General Chamorro that he occupies Granada, while the forces of General Mena and Matuy are at the very gates of Managua.

STEAMSHIPS COATED WITH ICE.



The winter has been a severe one on the ocean as well as on land. Practically every liner reaching port brings stories of heavy storms and violent seas. The steamers present beautiful but uncomfortable pictures as they steam in harbor coated with water lines to crows' nests with ice.

MILLIONAIRE'S AFFINITY SUES FOR ESTATE

Pittsburg, Feb. 24.—Ruth H. Spinks, or Arrott, threw a bomb into high society circles at Sewickley by beginning legal proceedings to get possession of at least part of the estate of the late William Arrott, millionaire insurance man of Pittsburg. The affinity makes claim to having been his common-law wife for 17 years previous to his death last July, and the

young woman further states Pittsburg by the assertion that she was such with the knowledge and written consent of Mrs. Lyder Arrott, wife of the man in question. Miss Spinks says that the rich insurance man, who with his real wife was prominent in society, made a will in her favor, but that this will has been either lost or destroyed by relatives of the dead man.

HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE WANTS PEARY'S PROOFS

Washington, Feb. 24.—The subcommittee of the house committee on naval affairs which has charge of the various bills introduced to reward Robert E. Peary, the pole discoverer, adopted a resolution calling on the

secretary of commerce and labor, under whose jurisdiction Peary was exploring in the Arctic circle, to submit to the subcommittee an official report or proofs that may have been turned in by Peary bearing on his discovery.

TILLMAN NOW ON ROAD TO COMPLETE RECOVERY

Washington, Feb. 24.—Senator Tillman of South Carolina continues to improve in a way that surprises his physicians. When he was stricken a week ago no hopes were entertained

for his recovery. Now the prospect is, according to a statement of Dr. E. H. Blackford, that the senator in about three weeks will be in a condition that will permit of his being removed to his home in South Carolina.

DECLARES NEUTRALITY

Washington, Feb. 24.—Frank H. Hitchcock, postmaster general and chairman of the Republican national committee, stated that his hands-off policy relative to Ohio politics will be adhered to rigidly in the impending campaign.

MINERS ESCAPED

Central City, Ky., Feb. 24.—An explosion of gas in the mine of the Iron Mountain Coal company, three miles from here, probably fatally burned Warren Gibbs, a miner, but 74 men who, with Gibbs, comprised the day shift, escaped with slight bruises.

TO FIGHT MIDDLEMEN

Columbus, O., Feb. 24.—Forty-four drug store owners of Columbus struck a blow at the middlemen in the drug business. Some time ago the Buckeye Drug company was incorporated at a nominal figure. This is to be used by the Columbus drug store owners as a nucleus in the formation of a co-operative wholesale drug establishment. This will be a serious blow to the drug jobbers and the middlemen.

PRIMARY LAW AMENDED

Columbus, O., Feb. 24.—The first successful attack upon the Bronson primary law was made when the house passed the Gilson bill, which relieves villages and townships of the necessity of holding primaries. Both the Democratic and Republican floor leaders opposed the measure, but it went through handily after a spirited debate.

HAS EAR TO GROUND

Columbus, O., Feb. 24.—James H. Garfield, President Roosevelt's secretary of the interior, said that he is willing to lead the Republican party in Ohio against Governor Harmon if there is a popular demand for his candidacy. "If the people of Ohio want me for a candidate I will answer the call," he said.

CHARGED WITH MURDER

Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 24.—Police were forced to draw clubs to hold back the morbid crowd who almost stormed the hearing room of the city hall, while a jury brought in a verdict which directly charged William Seyler with responsibility for the death of Jane Adams, whose frozen body was found in the surf on the morning of Feb. 13.

LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

CHICAGO—Cattle: Beeves, \$4 75@5 00; western steers, \$4 50@5 25; stockers and feeders, \$3 25@5 50; cows and heifers, \$2 50@5 15. Calves—\$7 25@9 50. Sheep and Lambs—Native sheep, \$4 75@5 75; western, \$5 00@5 50; native lambs, \$7 50@9 25; western, \$7 50@9 25; yearlings, \$7 50@9 00. Hogs—Light, \$9 10@9 50; mixed, \$9 15@9 65; heavy, \$9 20@9 60; rough, \$9 25@9 25; pigs, \$9 25@9 25. Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1 25@1 26. Corn—No. 2, 65c. Oats—No. 2, 47c.

EAST BUFFALO—Cattle: Choice cuttle, \$6 25@7 00; shipping steers, \$5 75@6 25; butcher cattle, \$5 00@5 25; heifers, \$4 00@4 50; fat cows, \$3 25@3 50; bulls, \$3 50@4 50; milkers and springers, \$25 00@35 00. Calves—\$10 00@11 00. Sheep and Lambs—Mixed sheep, \$5 50@6 75; wethers, \$7 00@7 40; ewes, \$6 25@6 50; lambs, \$7 75@9 25 yearlings, \$9 00@9 50. Hogs—Heavy hogs and mediums, \$9 30@9 50; Yorkers, \$9 50@9 50; pigs, \$9 00@9 00; roughs, \$9 00@9 15; stags, \$7 50@8 00.

PITTSBURG—Cattle: Choice, \$6 75@7 00; prime, \$5 50@6 70; tidy butchers, \$5 25@5 25; heifers, \$4 00@4 50; cows, bulls and stags, \$4 00@4 00; fresh cows, \$15 00@16 00. Calves—Veal, \$7 00@10 50. Sheep and Lambs—Prime wethers, \$7 20@7 40; good mixed, \$6 80@7 15; lambs, \$6 50@9 25; yearlings, \$6 50@8 60. Hogs—Heavy hogs and mediums, \$9 50@9 50; heavy Yorkers, \$9 80@9 80; light Yorkers, \$9 75; pigs, \$9 50@9 70.

CLEVELAND—Cattle: Prime dry-fed cattle, \$6 00@6 25; fat steers, \$5 75@6 00; heifers, \$5 50@5 50; cows, \$5 50@4 40; bulls, \$5 50@4 75; milkers and springers, \$20 00@23 00. Calves—\$10 75 down. Sheep and Lambs—Mixed sheep, \$6 00@6 50; ewes, \$6 00@6 50; best sheep, \$6 50@7 00; lambs, \$7 00@9 00. Hogs—Heavy, \$9 70; medium, \$9 70; pigs, \$9 50@9 50; mixed, \$9 70; roughs, \$9 75; stags, \$8 00.

CINCINNATI—Wheat: No. 2 red, \$1 24@1 25. Corn—No. 2 mixed, \$1 04@1 05. Oats—No. 2 mixed, \$1 04@1 05. Hops—No. 2, \$4 50@5 00. Lard—\$17 70. Bulk Meats—\$12 25. Bacon—\$13 60. Cattle—\$2 75@3 50. Sheep—\$2 50@3 25. Lambs—\$4 00@5 50. Hogs—\$9 75.

TOLEDO—Wheat: No. 2, \$1 24; corn, 65c; oats, 45c; rye, 85c; cloverseed, \$7 27.

MEAT COMBINE FOUND GUILTY

Pagan Drafts Indictments Against Ten Concerns

If Department Of Justice Believes Sufficient Evidence Has Been Adduced Grand Jury Will Be Instructed To Bring In True Bills Against Subsidiaries That Make Up National Packing Company—"Big Three" Not In List Made Public

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Oliver E. Pagan, special assistant attorney general, has prepared indictment forms against the National Packing company and 10 of its subsidiary concerns as a result of the investigation of the packing industry now being made by the federal grand jury. These forms will be taken to Washington and there examined by the administration officials before being given to the grand jury. The indictment forms do not include the "big three"—Armour & Company, Swift & Company and Morris & Company—against whom the investigation was originally said to be aimed. The firms that are named in the forms are as follows: G. H. Hammond & Company, Michigan; Anglo-American Provision company, Illinois; Omaha Packing company, Illinois; United Dressed Beef company, New York; St. Louis Dressed Beef and Provision company; Western Packing company, Denver; Colorado Packing and Provision company, Denver; Plankinton Packing company, Milwaukee; New York Butchers' Dressed Meat company, New York; Hammond Packing company, Illinois.

Rumors Not Confirmed.

Rumors about the federal building to the effect that the grand jury had already voted these indictments and that they would be returned before either Judge Carpenter or Judge Landis within the next three weeks, were not confirmed, either by District Attorney Sims or by his assistant, James Wilkerson.

The object of the government is said to be the dissolution of the National Packing company. The other concerns if convicted might suffer a maximum penalty of a \$5,000 fine.

each. Patrick A. Valentine, who married the widow of P. D. Armour, Jr., and was formerly a director of Armour & Company, has been subpoenaed to appear before the federal grand jury.

HELD FOR POISONING

Kirkville, Mo., Feb. 24.—A warrant charging Dr. James R. Hull of Monroe City with murdering Professor J. F. Vaughn by strychnine poison, was issued by Justice of the Peace J. P. Carrothers of this city.

PIERSON HELD GUILTLSS

Columbus, O., Feb. 24.—According to a decision rendered by Judge Dillon, County Recorder Willis T. Pierson can not be tried on the charge of embezzlement. There were two indictments against him for embezzlement.

WINTERS FOR RETENTION OF RAILROAD COMMISSION

Columbus, O., Feb. 24.—Judge Winters of Erie county, the Democratic floor leader of the house, has introduced a new public utilities bill, which seeks to prevent the wiping out of the Ohio railroad commission, and enlarging the power of that body by giving it supervision over all public utilities. The bill is not as drastic as that of Representative Woods of Medina, in that it does not seek to control the stock issues of corporations. The Woods bill requires corporations to secure permission from the commission it provides for before they can increase their stock. The object is to prevent stock watering.

PLEA OF NOT GUILTY

Columbus, O., Feb. 24.—Mark Slater, former supervisor of state printing, charged with certifying false vouchers to the state treasurer, was arraigned in criminal court and entered a plea of not guilty. He was granted 20 days in which to prepare for trial. Mrs. Slater has returned to her former home in Dayton. Friends in Dayton are making an effort to raise the \$5,000 bond to secure his release from jail, and predict that they will succeed.

FIGHT FATAL TO PUGILIST

Coalinga, Cal., Feb. 24.—"Ginger" Williams, a young heavyweight pugilist of Visalia, died in a hospital here from injuries received in a prizefight with Kid Kenneth of Bakersfield.

THIS AND THAT

It is semi-officially announced that Germany is preparing to wage war on the Standard Oil company. John R. Early, alleged leper, is in New York without employment or means to support his family.